

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 2, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Ken Masters, Mark Bacon; Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting of May 19th were approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon.

AREA PLAN

Marvin Rees, Surveyor and interim APC director introduced the newly appointed Area Plan Director, Rhea Dawn Buckley.

AUDITOR

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented a Professional Services Contract for Sidwell to provide training to Cathy Pratt to add watersheds to the GIS Database. The cost of the contract is \$1,500. Mark Bacon moved to approve the agreement and Ken Masters seconded the motion.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that he and Marvin Rees inspected the markers on Walnut Street in Milroy. They concluded that the Ward's west building is in the right of way. Sitton stated that he would stone the road way when the building is removed.

SHERIFF

In a report from the Sheriff's Department, the inmate population currently stands at 47 with only 7 sentenced. Two new sheriff cars are being delivered. Code Red a reverse 911 contract expires in July. The sheriff was investigating a new company that has more features and the same cost. Code Red has matched the cost as well as the features so Sheriff Sherwood was asking the Commissioners to accept the contract. Ken Masters moved to approve. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Anderson Township EMS report was submitted by Becky Puckett.

Bi-weekly claims were approved by Mark Bacon with Ken Masters offering a second.

Payroll claims were signed on a motion by Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners recessed at 9:30a.m. to conduct a public hearing on the APC's adoption of a Foul Ordinance. APC director Rhea Dawn Buckley explained that this new law would affect those that owned chickens or other foul on less than ten acres. Several attendees were present. Many residents of the town of Sexton were there to voice their opinion due to an evident violator. The score card process and the filing charge were discussed in detail. Ken Masters

stated that responsibility should be up to the owner but since that isn't always the case he would make the motion to give the ordinance a favorable recommendation with an amendment to lower the fee to \$10. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Bruce Levi cannot see that it is complaint driven and that the fines varying from \$50-\$2500 are vague. Motion carried. Mark Bacon moved to close the Public Hearing. Ken Masters seconded the motion.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Ken Masters offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor